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FUNDS FOR JFMC AND FDA FOR AFFORESTATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and released to Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC) and Forest Development Agency (FDA) for implementation of National Afforestation Programme (NAP) during the Tenth Five Year Plan; State-wise;

(b) the outlay proposed for the purpose during the Eleventh Plan period, State-wise;

(c) whether there has been any delay in releasing funds to JFMC and FDA's in the country including Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) Under the fund flow mechanism of the National Afforestation Programme, funds are released by the National Afforestation and Eco-development Board to the Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) which in turn transfer the funds to the constituent Joint Forest Management Committees. The details of funds released to the FDAs during the last three years, are given in the enclosed annexure, state wise.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 2000 crores has been provided for the National Afforestation Programme during the Eleventh Plan. There is no state wise earmarking of outlay as the scheme is basically demand- driven in nature.

(c) & (d) Funds are released to FDA projects on receipt of appropriate proposals alongwith satisfactory utilization of the funds released earlier and other requisite documents like progress report, audit report etc. The release is further subject to availability of fund with National Afforestation and Eco-development Board during the financial year.